

The School Committee of the Worcester Public Schools met in Open Session at 7:15 p.m. in the Levi Lincoln Chamber at City Hall on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

There were present at the Call to Order:

Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo and Mayor Petty

Mr. O'Connell, Miss McCullough and Miss Biancheria were absent.

It was moved to recess to Executive Session:

Executive Session

1. gb #8 -62 - Administration
(February 7, 2018)

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation case for a custodian, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to litigation for a Worker's Compensation for a teacher, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the School Committee and the chair so declares.

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to conduct collective bargaining regarding Grievance #16/17-38.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley,
Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty 4

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss Biancheria, Miss McCullough and
Mr. O'Connell 3
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The motion carried.

The School Committee recessed to Executive
Session from 6:05 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

The School Committee reconvened in Open Session
at 7:15 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Reverend Richard
Trainor from Blessed Sacrament Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered.

- 2. A moment of silence was offered in memory of those who lost their lives in the Douglas High School shooting in Florida. Moment of Silence/
Douglas High
School shooting

The National Anthem was sung by the Rice Square School's Chorus.

The Rice Square School's Chorus led by Mr. Shah Salmi, music teacher, performed an additional song.

There were present at the second Call to Order:

Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty

Miss McCullough was absent.

- 3. gb #8-47 - Executive Session Item Worker's
Compensation
Settlement/
custodian
- Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Abstain: Mr. O'Connell 1

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

It was moved to suspend the Rules of the School Committee to reconsider the motion in order to allow Mayor Petty to recuse himself from the vote to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian due to a potential conflict of interest.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker's Compensation settlement in the amount of \$25,000 for a custodian.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, 4

Against the motion: 0

Abstain: Mr. O'Connell 1

Recuse: Mayor Petty 1

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to approve a Worker’s Compensation settlement in the amount of \$36,000 for a teacher.

Worker’s
Compensation
Settlement/
teacher

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Abstain: Mr. O’Connell 1

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

Pursuant to action taken in Executive Session, it was moved to sustain Grievance #16/17-38.

Grievance
#16-17-38

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mayor Petty 5

Against the motion: 0

Abstain: Mr. O’Connell 1

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS

4 aor #8-5 - Clerk
(February 6, 2018)

Minutes/approval
of

To consider approval of the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2018.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Minutes of the School Committee Meeting of Thursday, February 1, 2018.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

Student
Representatives/
input from

5. gb #8 49 - Administration
(February 2, 2018)

To consider input from the School Committee's student representatives.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

6. It was moved and voice voted to suspend rules to take up the following items out of order to allow individuals to speak on these items:

gb #8-56, gb #8-57, gb #8-58 and gb# 8-59

- Roger Nugent, President of the EAW, Nancy Caswell, 2nd Vice President of the EAW, Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR) and Etel Haxhiaj a parent all provided testimony regarding the joining of the proposed School Funding Lawsuit. (gb #8-56)
- Atel Hazhiaj a parent, Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR), Betzabe Vasquez-Grande a student at South High Community School and Shirley Acero a student at South High Community School provided testimony regarding an effort to attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the Worcester Public Schools. (gb #8-58)
- Michael Crompton from Greater Worcester Our Resolutions (GWOR), Cassandra Quinlan, Ohemaa Pipim and Shirley Acero, students at South High Community School provided testimony regarding the teaching of Hard History-American Slavery.(gb #8-59)

After the testimony by the public, the Mayor allowed the School Committee to speak to the following items under suspension:

7. gb #8-56 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Miss McCullough
(February 7, 2018)

Potential School
Funding Lawsuit

To consider joining forces with the Brockton Public Schools as a plaintiff in its School Funding Lawsuit.

Mr. O'Connell suggested that the Administration interact closely with the Brockton Public Schools to determine its plans to initiate the School Funding Lawsuit.

Mr. O'Connell stated that there are some practical issues in connection with the lawsuit to include:

- the overall cost
- the way in which systems may join the lawsuit
- means of communication to involve other districts and
- methods of sharing costs between and among other districts

Mr. Monfredo suggested that the Administration forward a letter to the Gateway City districts requesting that they join forces and support the lawsuit.

Miss Biancheria stated that she wanted to know the Superintendent's position regarding the lawsuit.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration seek a legal opinion and provide a response in a month regarding:

- the facts of the potential lawsuit
- ramifications of it
- amount of legal bills
- ways in which it will proceed and
- any other pertinent information regarding the lawsuit.

On a voice vote the motion was approved.

Mayor Petty made the following amendment to the item:

To consider joining forces with the Brockton Public Schools as a plaintiff in its School Funding Lawsuit **and determine whether or not Worcester will move forward as a plaintiff in the Funding Lawsuit.**

It was moved to approve the amendment to the item.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough, 1

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The motion carried.

It was moved to approve considering joining forces with the Brockton Public Schools as a plaintiff in its School Funding Lawsuit and based on a report back from the Administration in the next few weeks of the pros and cons and determine whether or not Worcester will move forward as a plaintiff in the Funding Lawsuit.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough, 1

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The motion carried.

8. gb #8-57 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018) Principal
Leadership/

Request that the Administration provide a report on changes in principal leadership and its plans to hire new principals.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report as to:

- the openings for principal positions
- the timeline for filling them and
- the involvement of the community in the selection process

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Miss Biancheria stated that the School Committee needs to be clear on its request because the law states that the full decision to hire new principals is totally at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Mayor Petty made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the policy for hiring new principals to include the positions that are open at this time.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

9. gb #8-58 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018) Teachers and
Administrators/
attract a diverse
pool

Request that the Administration provide a report on its efforts to attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. O'Connell made the following amendment to Mr. Comparetto's item:

Request that the Administration provide a report on its efforts to attract a diverse pool of teachers and administrators in the Worcester Public Schools and **indicate the impact of Future Teachers Clubs and the effort to involve these students to pursue teaching careers.**

On a voice vote, the amendment was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration work collaboratively with Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester State University and other colleges in Worcester to develop a pipeline of students interested in pursuing a teaching career in Worcester.

Request that the Administration provide a report as to recruitment initiatives outside of Worcester.

Request that the Administration interact with the teachers in the Education Department at Harvard University in an effort to interest students involved in their summer program, especially in the inner city schools, to teach in Worcester.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

Superintendent Binienda stated that a job fair to recruit teachers and administrators will take place in Worcester and job streaming interviews will take place at that time.

Miss Biancheria suggested that the Administration seek information from other school districts to recruit new teachers.

Teaching Hard
History: American
Slavery/review of

10. gb #8-59 - Mr. Comparetto/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo
(February 7, 2018)

To consider a review of a publication entitled Teaching Hard History: American Slavery from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motions:

Request that when the item is discussed at the Standing Committee level that it invite community members and the individuals that came to the full Committee to attend the meeting.

Request that when the item is discussed at the Standing Committee level that it provide copies or links to the reports from the Southern Poverty Law Center entitled: Teaching Hard History-American Slavery and the new Draft Curriculum of History and Social Science from the State Department.

On a voice vote, the motions were approved.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

11. ROS #8-3 - Administration
(February 7, 2018)

ANNUAL EVALUATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT
BINIENDA-CYCLE 2: ANALYSIS, GOAL SETTING
AND PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent Binienda made an excellent PowerPoint presentation, which is contained in Annex A of the backup, on the benchmarks for her goals as part of her Annual Evaluation – Cycle 2: Analysis, Goal setting and Plan Development.

Mr. O’Connell made the following motions:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of the proposed technology plan when it is available.

Request that the Administration provide a Report of the Superintendent on the proposed Citywide Health and Science Gifted Academy at Worcester East Middle School.

On a voice voted, the motions were approved.

Mr. Lorenzo Hernandez, the student representative, recommended that the Administration utilize Social Media or Twitter to advertise college courses available for high school students

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

12. The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018 in Room 410 at the Dr. John E. Durkin Administration Building.

gb #6-349 - Mr. O’Connell/ Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo (October 3, 2016)

To consider designing the next replacement schools to be built in Worcester so that their libraries can be utilized by the community as “satellite libraries” during non-school hours, wherever and whenever appropriate, in cooperation with the Worcester Public Library.

Report of the Superintendent/
Annual Evaluation
for Superintendent
Binienda-Cycle 2:
Analysis, Goal
Setting and Plan
Development

Satellite Libraries

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the Administration interact with the Friends of the Worcester Public Library and the Worcester Public Library Foundation to determine the feasibility of having a "satellite library" at Nelson Place and to consider discussing the same plan for a one at the proposed new South High Community School.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item at the Standing Committee level.

Bond Issue

gb #7-104 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Ms. Colorio/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (March 10, 2017)

To consider recommending that the City Manager and City Council initiate a bond issue to permit completion of facilities work on school buildings which does not qualify for Massachusetts School Building Authority funding, or which would be completed much more rapidly through bond proceeds, prioritizing work which is particularly beneficial to the health, welfare and well-being of staff and students.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

FY18 Budget
Status

gb #7-342 - Administration (September 29, 2017)

To review the status of the FY18 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

Mr. Allen provided an update on the FY18 Budget Second Quarter Report.

Mr. Foley suggested that the Administration interact with Jeffrey Turgeon, Executive Director for the Central MA Workforce Investment Board (CMWIB) to possibly provide help in developing a list of interested candidates for the position of Crossing Guard that could be accessed in time of need.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

Amount	From Account	Account Title	To Account	Account Title
\$420,000	500123-96000	Health Insurance	500-91115	Instructional Assistant Salaries
\$22,750	500123-96000	Health Insurance	500-91134	Educational Support Salaries
\$50,000	500-92204	Instructional Materials	540-91118	Supplemental Program Salaries
\$100,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries
\$100,000	500-91120	Maintenance Service Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries

On a roll call of 3-0, the motion was approved.

gb #8-15 - Administration (January 5, 2018)

6 Claremont Street/
declare surplus

To consider the recommendation of the Administration to declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes.

Mr. Ricci Hall, Principal of Claremont Academy and Ms. Patricia Padilla, Principal of Woodland Academy both indicated that the property at 6 Claremont Street would not serve the needs of either school.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes and refer the vote to the City Manager.

On a roll call of 3-0, the item motion was approved.

Cell Phones

motion - (gb #7-148.2) - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Foley (June 15, 2017)

Request that the Administration provide a report on the individuals that are provided with cell phones.

Mr. Foley requested that the Administration verify that individuals that have either iPhones or Feature Phones need them for their daily work.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTION

FY18 Budget Status

gb #7-342 - Administration (September 29, 2017)

To review the status of the FY18 Budget and make appropriate transfers as required.

It was moved to approve the following transfers:

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\$100,000	500-91119	Custodial Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries
\$100,000	500-91120	Maintenance Service Salaries	500-97203	Custodial Overtime Salaries

It was moved to approve the transfers.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
 Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
 Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough $\frac{1}{7}$

The motion carried.

6 Claremont
Street/ declare
surplus

qb #8-15 - Administration (January 5, 2018)

To consider the recommendation of the Administration to declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes.

Mr. Foley made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee declare the property located at 6 Claremont Street (Assessors Parcel 06-036-00030) as no longer needed for public school purposes and refer the vote to the City Manager.

It was moved to approve declaring the property located at 6 Claremont Street no longer needed for public school purpose.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto, Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo, Mayor Petty	5
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Against the motion: Mr. O'Connell	1
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Absent: Miss McCullough	<u>1</u> 7
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The motion carried.

Mr. O'Connell suggested that the City Manager consider maintaining this parcel of land for greenspace for use by the neighborhood.

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations as amended.

- 13. The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports met at 5:09 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 in Room 410 at the Durkin Administration Building

Report of the
Superintendent/
District Literacy
Plan

ROS #4-12 - Administration (October 8, 2014)

DISTRICT LITERACY PLAN

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration prepare a District Literacy Plan for Pre-K to 12 and report back to the full School Committee in September 2018.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

The Gateway
Cities Vision of
Dynamic
Community-Wide
Learning System

gb #4-39 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/Mr. Monfredo/Mayor Petty (February 4, 2014)

To review and consider the report which sets forth "The Gateway Cities Vision for Dynamic Community-Wide Learning Systems."

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Computer Coding/
instruction in

gb #4-226 - Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Novick/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Biancheria (August 13, 2014)

To review the level of instruction in computer "coding" provided to students of the Worcester Public Schools who would like to explore coding as a potential career.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #5-14 - Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Ramirez/Miss Biancheria (January 7, 2015)

Tenacity/Summer
Tennis and Reading
Program

To invite a representative of Tenacity to meet with the Worcester Public Schools, to consider cooperative opportunities to expand the Tenacity Summer Tennis and Reading Program for the benefit of the students of the Worcester Public Schools.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration distribute appropriate information from Tenacity to the Worcester Public Schools with background and dates and times for enrollment in the 2018 Tenacity program.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #5-207 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (August 7, 2015)

National
Attendance
Awareness Month

Request that the Worcester Public Schools consider sharing information regarding the National Attendance Awareness Month movement sponsored by 40 national partners.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the item be referred to the Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues to determine whether there are any current policy changes in attendance.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item from the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

Unified Theater/
student-led
creative program

gb #5-269 - Mr. Foley/Miss Ramirez/Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria (October 5, 2015)

Request that the Administration research the opportunities available to Worcester public school students through Unified Theater, an inclusive, student-led creative program that builds relationships and leadership.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

Service Learning
Committee/
establishment of

gb #6-315 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Ms. Colorio/Miss McCullough/Miss Biancheria (September 7, 2016)

Request that the Administration consider establishing a learning committee to include service learning advocates at all the high schools and within the community whose mission would be to develop a plan at the secondary level and have all secondary schools engage in a service learning project during the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report on the service learning projects for the 2017-2018 school year to the School Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item at the Standing Committee level.

Wrestling Team

gb #7-60 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Monfredo/Miss Colorio/Miss McCullough (February 7, 2017)

Request that the Administration study the feasibility of establishing competitive wrestling teams in the Worcester Public Schools.

It was moved and voice voted to file the item.

gb #7-282 - Administration (August 2, 2017)

To approve the proposed 2018-19, 2019-20 and the 2020-21 School Calendars.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the following amendment to the 2018-19 calendar:

"August 30, 2018 is the first day of school for pre-K-kindergarten"

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration refer the 2019-20 and 2020-21 calendars to the CPPAC and school site councils for feedback and provide a report to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports in the Fall of 2019.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

gb #8-29 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough (January 16, 2018)

To engage in a comprehensive plan in an effort to have children read on grade level by the end of grade three.

(gb #8-29 and gb #8-45 were considered together.)

School
Calendars/
2018-19, 2019-20
and 2020-21

Comprehensive
Plan/grade three
reading at grade
level

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration establish a Reading Committee with focus on grades K-3 and incorporate issues of:

- school readiness
- school attendance
- summer learning
- family involvement
- high quality teachers

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to HOLD the item.

qb #8-45 - Administration (January 24, 2018)

To consider approval of the Read Side by Side reading program to be implemented in grades 3-6 and also for the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom to be implemented in grades K-2.

It was moved and voice voted to approve the Read Side by Side reading program to be implemented in grades 3-6 and also the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom materials in grades K-2.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a report at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year on the success of the reading programs based on the use of the new textbooks and materials.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

File at the Standing Committee level.

Reading
Programs/
Read Side by Side
and Fountas &
Pinnell Classroom

Innovation Plan for
Worcester East
Middle School/
eliminate 6th grade

gb #8-39 - Administration (January 23, 2018)

To consider an amendment to the Innovation Plan for Worcester East Middle School which will eliminate the admission of 6th grade students commencing in the 2018-19 academic school year in order to prepare a proposed Citywide Health and Science Gifted Academy for 7th and 8th grade students for the 2019-20 academic school year.

Mr. O’Connell made the following motion:

Request that the School Committee amend the Innovation Plan at Worcester East Middle School by eliminating the admission of 6th grade students commencing in the 2018-19 year.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Superintendent Binienda requested that the School Committee join in with any ideas for the Academy.

The School Committee approved the action of the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports as stated.

14. PERSONNEL

Appointments

8-14 The Superintendent has APPROVED the APPOINTMENT of the persons named below:

Parent, Lauren, Teacher, Elementary, Belmont, BA, Step 1, \$46,430*, effective January 16, 2018. License: Elementary 1-6.

Shepard, Kristen, Psychologist, Systemwide, CAGS/2M, Step 4, \$66,524*, effective January 22, 2018. License: Psychologist All Levels.

- Resignations 8-15 The Superintendent has ACCEPTED the RESIGNATION of the persons named below:
- Fleming, Jennifer, Teacher, Biology, North, effective January 4, 2018.
- Goguen, Joseph, Teacher, Music, Sullivan, effective February 9, 2018.
- Hoffey, Shauna, Teacher, Special Ed, Systemwide, effective February 2, 2018.
- *prorated*
- GENERAL BUSINESS
- Public Relations 15. qb #7-288.1 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. Monfredo/
Ms. Colorio/Mr. O'Connell
(August 16, 2017)
- Response of the Administration to the request to review the program and procedural methods that are utilized to advertise the many outstanding strengths of the Worcester Public Schools in order to continue to attract new families to the system.
- It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.
- Be Our Valentine Contest/Support of 16. qb #8-10.1 - Administration/Mr. Monfredo/
Mr. O'Connell/Miss Biancheria
(January 30, 2018)
- Response of the Administration to the request to support the Worcester Historical Museum's 40th annual "Be Our Valentine Contest" by encouraging participation of the students in grades 3 to 6.
- It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.

17. gb #8-21.1 - Administration/Miss Biancheria/
Mr. O'Connell/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo
(January 24, 2018)
- Students from
Puerto Rico/list of

Response of the Administration to the request to provide a list of the Worcester Public Schools that currently accommodate the students from Puerto Rico and provide an update on the plan to accommodate these students.

It was moved and voice voted to accept and file the item.

18. gb #8-43 - Mayor Petty/Mr. Foley/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Miss Biancheria/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss McCullough
(January 24, 2018)
- Health and
Wellness
Curriculum

Request that the Superintendent create an updated Health and Wellness Curriculum for middle and high school students.

Mr. Foley chaired the meeting so the Mayor could speak to his item.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports.

19. gb #8-50 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria/Mayor Petty
(January 26, 2018)
- FAME/forward
letters

Request that the Administration forward letters of appreciation to the following staff members and their students who provided a fantastic repertoire in FAME (Fine Arts Magnet Education) to benefit SOFA (Save our Fine Arts):

- Worcester Arts Magnet Chrysanthe Manuel, Cathy Taylor, Michael Wong, Alana Juneau and Tina Pagliese-Savage
- Burncoat Middle School Jeremy Woloski, Aimee Kewley, Andrea Cook, and Israel Saldana
- Burncoat High School Kellie Shea, Ann Marie Keane, Alexandra Dyke, Sarah -K Clark, Dani Rimoni, David Twiss, and Meredith Lord

It was moved and voice voted to forward letters of appreciation.

Public Hearing/
School Choice

- 20. gb #8-51 - Administration (January 31, 2018)

To set a date in April for a public hearing on School Choice.

It was moved and voice voted to set the date of Thursday, April 26, 2018.

Donations/approval of

- 21. gb #8-52 - Administration (January 31, 2018)

To consider approval of the following donations:

- \$450 to the Art Department at Doherty Memorial High School in memory of Jeffrey Gustafson.
- \$300 to the Special Education Department at Grafton Street School in memory of Elisha Inferrera.

It was moved to approve the donations.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough, 1

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The motion carried.

- 22. qb #8-53 - Administration
(February 2, 2018)

McKinney-Vento
Emergency Support
Grant

Request that the Administration approve the
McKinney-Vento Emergency Support Grant in the
amount of \$5,000.

It was moved to approve the McKinney-Vento
Emergency Support Grant.

On a roll call, the vote was as follows:

For the motion: Miss Biancheria, Mr. Comparetto,
Mr. Foley, Mr. Monfredo,
Mr. O'Connell and Mayor Petty 6

Against the motion: 0

Absent: Miss McCullough, 1

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The motion carried.

- 23. qb #8-54 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria
(February 2, 2018)

Accountability
changes/report on

Request that the Administration provide a report
on the accountability changes made by the
Department of Elementary and Secondary
Education.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item
to the Standing Committee on Accountability and
Student Achievement and forward information to
the PTOs.

Hanover Academy
at Burncoat Middle
School/progress
report

24. gb #8-55 - Miss McCullough/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Comparetto/
Miss Biancheria
(February 3, 2018)

Request that the Administration provide a
progress report on the Hanover Academy at
Burncoat Middle School.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item
to the Standing Committee on Teaching,
Learning and Student Supports.

Senate Bill No.
S2306 - An Act to
promote and
enhance civic
engagement

25. gb #8-60 - Mr. Monfredo/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Comparetto/Miss McCullough/
Miss Biancheria
(February 7, 2018)

To support Senate Bill No. S2306.-An Act to
promote and enhance civic engagement, a new
bill filed on Beacon Hill by State Senator
Harriette Chandler.

Mr. Monfredo made the following motion:

Request that the Administration forward a letter to
the local delegation to support Senate Bill No.
S2306.

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Mr. O'Connell made the following motion:

Request that the Administration provide a copy of
the Senate Bill No. S2306 to the School
Committee.

On a voice voted, the motion was approved.

It was moved and voice voted to hold the item
for the School Committee meeting to be held on
Thursday, March 1, 2018.

26. gb #8-61 - Miss Biancheria/Mr. O'Connell/
Mr. Monfredo/Mr. Comparetto
(February 9, 2018)

Opioid Crisis/
update on

Request that the Administration provide an update on the ways in which education is provided to staff and students, in light of the opioid crisis, as a result of the passage of the recently enacted Marijuana Law.

It was moved and voice voted to refer the item to the Administration for a report back in April 2018

27. It was moved and voice voted to suspend the rules to allow Miss Biancheria to file an item.

ALICE Program/
update on

Request that Superintendent Binienda, Director of School Safety Robert Pezzella and Chief of Police Steven Sargent provide an update on the implementation of the ALICE program at the School Committee meeting on March 1, 2018

On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.
Clerk of the School Committee